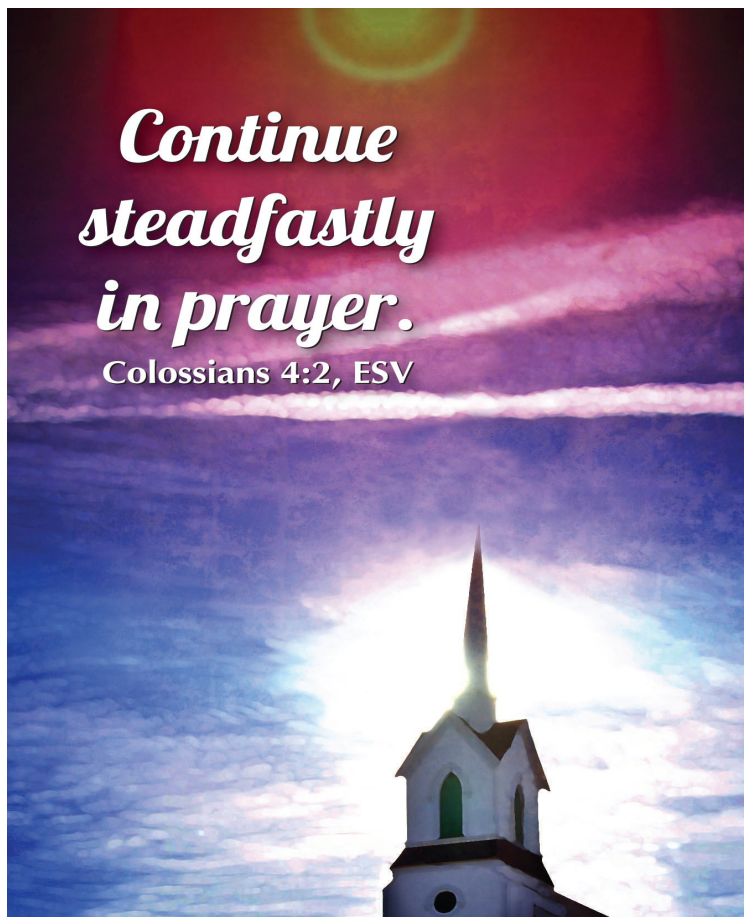


*Life Together at  
Christ's United  
Lutheran Church*



*Join us for Worship  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Journey & Fellowship 10:45*





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*The February Newsletter is sponsored in Honor of Mark Varndell by wife, Cheryl*



## Status of Accounts as of December 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$7,442.39

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2016 Annual Budget of \$174,914.20 is **\$14,576.18**

December income was \$17,030.26

Benevolence Gifts.....\$15,849.00

(79% of our Benevolence goal of \$20,000.00 for 2015)





## **Pastor Kim's Message**

Brothers and Sisters,

What would you do for love?

Would you take out the trash, stand in the rain, eat your vegetables, wear that ugly sweater?

Would you give your night out, give over the remote, give your last dime?

Would you give your life?

Jesus did.

Not for power, not for rulers, not for history, not even because He had to –

Jesus gave His life

*only*

for love.

For love Jesus was born, for love Jesus healed, for love Jesus taught, for love Jesus suffered, and for love Jesus died... for love of you.

And He asks – all He asks – is that we love Him back. Take the life that Jesus offers, experience the joy and the peace, and grow – held in His arms – forever.

Worship, prayer, tithing, and service are not duties that we are required to perform, but a response to love that we are given. Worship, prayer, tithing, and service are expressions of the joy we have knowing and feeling loved. They are our answer of "YES!" when God reaches out to us and offers His unending love.

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This Lent, say "Yes!". Join in the special worship on Wednesdays, and Saturdays or Sundays; use the Christ's United Lenten Devotional to help you in prayer; look at your use of money in a new way; and join in one of the many social ministry projects happening at Christ's United every day. Get past an hour of "duty" and get into a lifetime of love.

Jesus is offering His love to *you*. This Lent, give yourself for - to - love. Answer with excitement and joy. Answer "YES!".

Peace,  
*Pastor Kim*



### Pastoral Acts

#### **Marriages Scheduled:**

09/24/16 Nicholas Miller & Kayla Troutman

11/12/16 John Lisowski & Hannah Sterling

Praying with Our Eyes – *and Hearts* – Open

We have learned to put our hands together and close our eyes when we pray, but what if that is *not* what God calls us to do? What if prayer is not a thing, but an action? Come and explore God's call to see and feel prayer in your life Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.! Our journey begins on April 5<sup>th</sup>, no tickets necessary. See you there !





## **Church Council Highlights from January:**

- One thing we need to focus on is having a more flourishing Bible Study in the congregation.
- John Denchak suggested putting in the Newsletter that anyone who would like to be placed on the ballot for Council should contact one of the six members of the Nominating Committee.



## **Retreat**

"If only I knew then what I know now..." is a comment repeated over and over as members of council end their terms. Serving on Council is not a duty, it is important ministry! And just as God

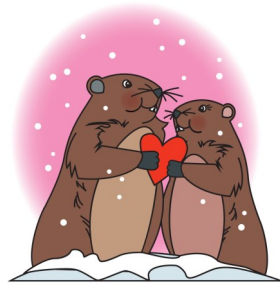
provides the tools we need for ministry as a congregation, God provides the tools to the council members too. The caveat is that we need to learn how to use them! There we will be having our first **FORMAL COUNCIL RETREAT**. Everyone who is and who will be joining council needs to reserve the date: 27 February, 8a-6p (includes travel time and meals). We will travel to the beautiful retreat center of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, where we will enjoy the hospitality of the sisters while learning what it means to lead Christ's United. We will look at the biblical basis for council ministry, learn how to read a budget, get a feel for the current ministries, interact with staff, and in general, have a **GREAT** time! Remember – save the date – all council members need to participate to make this work!





## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                   |    |                  |
|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Ross Sterling     | 17 | Crystal Huber    |
|    | Kim Walacavage    |    | Randy Troutman   |
| 4  | Dennis Wolfe      | 18 | Cyrus Clark      |
| 5  | Richard Weikel    |    | Jacob Tice       |
|    | Kenneth Zweizig   | 19 | Dean Lesher      |
| 6  | Brian Bolich      |    | Pearl Lute       |
| 9  | Terry Kessler     |    | Shaun McNally    |
|    | Allison Rusinko   | 20 | Jim Chappell     |
| 10 | Rebecca Houser    |    | Cheryl Denchak   |
|    | Jason Miller      |    | Micah Hepler     |
|    | Mark Varndell     |    | Mina Pennypacker |
| 11 | Vanessa Pirie     |    | Bill Price       |
|    | Tanner Wilson     | 21 | Kylei Long       |
|    | Leo Young         | 22 | Teresa Ambrose   |
| 12 | Chantelle Klinger |    | Gavin Dwane      |
|    | Edward Stepulitis |    | Kolton Fetterolf |
| 13 | Rhonda Carl       |    | Brielle Smith    |
|    | Barb Habowski     | 23 | Jennifer Wehry   |
|    | Deana Lesher      |    | Ricky Williard   |
| 14 | Bobbi-Jo Hummel   | 24 | Zalen Williard   |
|    |                   | 25 | Charlie Klauger  |
| 15 | Alaina Lindenmuth | 26 | Geoffrey Dudick  |
|    | Melissa Sisko     | 27 | Denise Hepler    |
| 16 | Vicki Reeser      | 28 | Dorothy Shadle   |
|    | Daniel Sisko      |    | Ann Welker       |
|    | Lois Sterling     |    |                  |



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | 02/13/93                          |
|  | Ron & Donna                       |
|  | Wallace                           |
|  | 02/14/10                          |
|  | Nelson & Angie                    |
|  | Berger                            |
|  | 02/16/95                          |
|  | Traci & Donald                    |
|  | Smith Jr.                         |
|  | 02/19/66 Dean & Barb Fetterolf    |
|  | 02/21/53 Cy & Joan Clark          |
|  | 02/23/85 David & Denise Hepler    |
|  | 02/28/70 William & Corrine Coward |



All Committee Secretaries and Treasurers must have their reports submitted to the church office by

*Report*  
**DEADLINE**



Monday, February 1, 2016. This is the deadline for all information or it will not be included in the annual congregational report. Save the Date: Our annual meeting is on Sunday, February 21 after worship. Thank You!

## ***Give Electronically***

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

As Christ's United prepares for a new year, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.christsunited.org](http://www.christsunited.org), locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, just scan this QR code to get started.





## THANK YOU

Many thanks to members of Christ's United for the cards showered on my mother in recognition of her 100th Birthday. She enjoyed receiving them and reading the kind words and well wishes.

Dan Brennan & Family

I would thank to sincerely thank my family of faith at Christ's United for your generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is dearly appreciated. I am so blessed to be a member and serve this wonderful congregation. I pray your new year is filled with blessings, love, comfort and joy.

Thank you,  
Lois Sterling, Parish Visitor

Church Council wishes to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jim Chappell and everyone else who participated in the "Live Nativity." Under Jim's planning, building, guidance and direction his dream was realized as everyone worked together to create this wonderful ministry and community outreach. Donna Wallace's creativity and resourcefulness in costuming was amazing. As we all witnessed the reenactment of Jesus' birth, we were uplifted and inspired. Both performances were well-received with very positive comments and the offering collected benefited Christ's Cupboard. This was a spectacular event in the life of Christ's United as it represented fulfillment of a vision.

*On behalf of the Pediatric Department at Schuylkill Medical Center—  
South, I want to say Thank you for your donation of the Jared Boxes. We  
always appreciate your donation and the patients really enjoy them.  
Good job again.*

*Thank you,  
Sandy Lynch RN*

Members of Christ's United,  
Thank you for all the prayers. Thank you for God watching over  
me. Thank you for our church.  
Connie Welker







To WELCA & The Knaughty  
Knotters:

We would like to thank you for the beautiful blankets we received at Christmas. They are very warm and have nice cheerful patterns on them. They are greatly appreciated, as well as the hard work and

prayers from our CULC family that came with them.

Thank you again with love and blessings in the New Year.

Jean Cress, Anna Wolfgang, & Ruth Wolfgang

*Thank you! Your kindness, care, and generosity this Christmas – and always – are a constant blessing to me. Thank you for the gifts, and for being a gift. May God bless our new year of ministry together! Pastor Kim*



*The following Memorials were given to Christ's  
United since the issue of the last Newsletter:*

*\$20.00 in Memory of Carrie Houser by:  
Cyrus & Joan Clark*

*\$20.00 in Memory of Marion Varndell  
for the "Endowment Fund" by:  
Don & Laray Klinger*

*\$20.00 in Memory of Anczarski Family Loved Ones  
for the "Endowment Fund" by:  
Don & Laray Klinger*



## **We Offer our Prayers to...**

### **Members of Christ's United:**

Family of Mary Houser, Dean & Barb Fetterolf, Barb Liem, Deb Price, Judy Stepulitis, Jack & Beryl Stitzer, Judy Fritz, Doug Fetterolf, Michael Monaghan



### **Family & Friends:**

Family of Betty Green, Family of Doris Hinkel, Jane Fetterolf, Elizabeth Brown, Karyssa Wenrich, Charlie Young, Dianne Klem, Reese Burdette, Robyn Barrett, Kim Brown, Drew Ressler, Doris McGurl, Bill Dando, Weston Rock, Margie Zimmerman, George Freshour, Brian Berger, Judi Wright, Linda Newton, Donna Scully, Michael Wolfgang, Helen Posey, William Singley Jr., Wendy Farnsworth, Sarah Shanks, Laura Miller, Lillian D'Angelo

*Please note that those experiencing a traumatic event are placed onto the Prayer List and will be kept on for one month and then taken off. **Please provide updates to the office in order that the list is always current.** If you would like someone added, please call the office or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found on the Prayer Podium.*

## **Praying Through the Directory**

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

*This month we pray for:*

The Fetterolf Family—Doug, Lindsay, Kolton & Tyson  
The Hall Family—Debbie & David  
The Johnson Family—Allen & Kathy



*"pray for each other so  
that you may be healed"*  
James 5:16



Prayer is the cement of ministries at Christ's United: it is our lifting up people and ministries to God, asking for healing and guidance. To help us in the ministry of prayer, we have re-organized the prayer list. Each week the bulletins will contain a separate insert on colored paper with the name of the person needing prayer, the name of the contact person, and the date of the request. The list will be updated weekly: if you would like someone to remain on the list, please provide an update to the church office either by calling, emailing, or filling out a prayer request card and putting it in the offering plate. Please take the prayer sheet home with you and put it in your bible for your daily devotional time!



# ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 21—11:00 a.m.**

The Acts of the Apostles is not just a book in the Bible at Christ's United: it is the living and breathing of the Holy Spirit through the people! Bring some food to share and join in a celebration of ministries new and growing! We will celebrate our ministries with food and fellowship, and select new council members for the coming year! Please sign up on the bulletin board with your potluck offering! All – not just members - are welcome!



## Senior Youth

On Saturday, February 13th,  
we will take a trek  
north to see a  
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton  
Penguins Hockey game.  
The game starts at 7:05pm.  
We will meet at the church  
at 4pm to car pool. If you  
plan on driving separate,  
see Tracy ahead of time  
for your tickets.



### *Stewardship*

The Stewardship Team is at it again! Seeking to help the people of God find a balance in life by following our baptismal charge – let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven – there are several programs in the works:

It's back! Financial Peace University is coming to Christ's United once again! FPU helps us get out of debt and into a biblical model of controlling our money (instead of money controlling us!). The new class is forming, so sign up now. Cost will be \$90 for the class and all materials.

Youth need FPU too! Credit cards and college seem to go together, leaving our youth with a great education – and a great debt load. A special version of FPU designed specifically for youth is coming this Summer – but don't wait – reserve your spot now and reap the benefits for years to come!




The Stewardship Team designs programs for our congregation and community that teach us how to use the time, talents, and treasures we have been given to glorify God. If this ministry interests you, please talk with Jim Gruber or Richard Berner about using your gifts in this way!

**Serving Our Community of Faith in February:**




<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Acolyte &amp; Tag-a-long</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Post Worship Greeter in Narthex</b>	<b>Post Worship Greeter at Door</b>
<b>February 7</b>	Gail Marquardt	Kay Berner John Denchak Jim Gruber David Hall	Angie Berger Irene Morgan Becky Spencer	Tanner Walacavage	Thomas Wolfgang	Stu Anthony	Darcie Gruber
<b>February 10 Ash Wednesday</b>	Becky Spencer		Barb Stepanchick John Towey Judy Stepulitis	Steven Wolfgang	Ralph Johnson	Deb Hall	Dorothy Kessler
<b>February 14</b>	Barb Stepanchick			Deidre Dengler & Brian O'Connor	Ashley O'Connor	Beth Andrews	George Kosmisky
<b>February 17 Mid-Week</b>	Erik Tice			Tyler Wolfgang	X	X	Jennie Kosmisky
<b>February 21</b>	Ralph Johnson			Heather Klinger & Deana Leshner	Lydia Price	Pearl Lute	Gail Marquardt
<b>February 24 Mid-Week</b>	Sally Tice			Jacob Tice	X	X	Irene Morgan
<b>February 28</b>	John Towey			Nathan Berger & Alyssa Becker	Zachary Hummel	Jane Pennypacker	Susan Ruzze



February 2016				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 <p><b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge</p> <p>7:00 <i>Church Council</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Starting Anew</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 Seniors 2:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 <i>WELCA</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:30 Communion Service <b><u>Souper Bowl of Caring</u></b> 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge 1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <p>7:00 <i>Social Ministry Team Meeting</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 Food Delivery</p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Starting Anew</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00 Seniors 12:00 Communion Service 4:30 Sr. Youth pizza &amp; food pantry set up 7:00 Communion Service</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00-12:00 Christ's C...</p> <p>6:30 <i>Chris Education Meeting</i></p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i> 10:45 <i>Worship &amp; Music Team Meeting</i> 5:00 <i>LCM</i> 6:00 <i>Property Meeting</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge</p> <p>Presidents Day</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 Seniors 2:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Annual Congregational Meeting &amp; Luncheon</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 Seniors 2:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 <i>Journey</i></p>	<p><b>29</b> 11:00 Worship at Luther Ridge</p> <p>6:00 Grief Support Group</p>			



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5	6 5:00 Communion Service
00 upboard  titan Team	12	13 5:00 Worship Service 7:05 Sr. Youth group hockey game trip
	19	20 5:00 Worship Service
	26	27 8:00-6:00 Council Retreat 5:00 Worship Service
<b>Leap Day</b> 		



**Giving blood doesn't require much time.  
About an hour should do it.**

You can help save up to three lives in about an hour.  
The need is ongoing but the supply is not.  
Please give blood today.



## **Community Blood Drive**

**Christ's United  
Lutheran Church**  
437 Airport Road - Ashland

**Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Please see Mr. Erik Tice, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.**

***Open To The Public And Walk-Ins Welcome!***



Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call **1-800-RED CROSS** to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

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## Ministry Staff Retreat brings results!

The ministry staff – Erik, Lois, and Keith - followed the example of Christ last month by taking a day to be apart and reflect about their ministry at

Christ's United. Together with the Pastor they delved into God's Word in learning about the purpose of the church, their gifts, and the calling to serve God in their particular roles. Watch for new developments as these seeds begin to take root!

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*As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to*

*wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.*

*Exhortation for Ash Wednesday, Lutheran Book of Worship*



During Lent it is an act of devotion that we journey with Christ to the cross. We do this by following the discipline of Lent. It is not an easy journey, but it is a journey of love. To help we journey together: using the daily devotions written by our family of faith at Christ's United. The devotionals will be available the weekend before Ash Wednesday.



WELCA will begin making Easter candy in February. Watch the bulletin for exact dates. Help is needed!



# SOCIAL MINISTRY



We will be collecting the following item for February:

## Soup

Please place your donations in the shopping cart. Thank You!



The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

### Committee Schedule

- February—Social Ministry
- March—Lutheran Church Men
- April—WELCA
- May—Christian Education
- June—Worship & Music
- July—Evangelism & Outreach
- August—Youth Group
- September—Property

**“Christ’s Cupboard”**  
 Next Distribution Date  
**Thursday, February 11**  
 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**We need more volunteers to help distribute food, come out & join us!**

**Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. for Soup!**





With your help, ELCA World Hunger has worked on hunger issues for more than 40 years, and together, we have made an incredible worldwide impact. Here in the United States, many Americans have been forced to choose between paying for food and other basic necessities. There is more work to do here at home and around the world. This Lent, we will join in the ELCA's World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving campaign. With a goal of \$2 million by Easter Sunday, this initiative will enable crucial work to get underway. Each week before our Mid-Week Lenten services at 6:00 p.m., we have a soup supper. The congregation is encouraged & welcome to join us. Each week we will have a short presentation about World Hunger and our offering will go toward reaching the ELCA's goal.

### **Ladies night out is March 6**



Ladies – grab the green , brush up the brogue and bring out the blarney! We're celebrating a Saint Patrick's Day theme and we'll be telling our best Irish jokes in brogue and wearing clovers during March Ladies' Nite Out! We'll be gathering in the parking lot to carpool to the Wooden Keg for an Irish atmosphere and meal of fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board to reserve a seat, and sign up a friend while you're at it!





# CHANGE THE GAME

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**"Lord, even as we enjoy  
the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those  
without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, more than \$110 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

### Items Needed for the "Souper" Bowl Saturday, February 6 & Sunday, February 7

- Pancake Syrup
- Tuna
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Soup
- Peanut Butter

Please place all food donations on the table in the Narthex. Monetary donations will be collected also and used to purchase more food. All items will go to "Christ's Cupboard".



# BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 25 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

## HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

**FEBRUARY 14**  
Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



**FEBRUARY 21**  
Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



**FEBRUARY 28**  
Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



**MARCH 6**  
Combs



**MARCH 13**  
Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



**MARCH 20 (PALM SUNDAY)**  
Bars of Soap





## Farm Family Appreciation Celebration

### Saturday, March 19, 2016



Sponsored in part by various religious, social and financial organizations

**What:** Catered hot buffet meal, hoe-down, and line dancing to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties and the surrounding areas.

**Purpose:** to build community among farm families and citizens.

**Time:** Doors open at 6:15 PM (but no earlier)

Dinner buffet from 7:00 PM (tables will be held for families that work late)  
Hoe down and classic and modern country music by "The Outlaws," with  
line dance music between sets (8-11:00 PM)



**Where:** Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78

**Who:** *Everyone* is invited—farm family *and* farm family supporters! Children welcome!

*Note: No political or other solicitations. No alcoholic beverages permitted.*



This year we will have a Sweet Sixteen theme.

Questions? Call 610-378-1327 and ask for Lisa or go to  
[www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar).



Tickets and directions will be mailed out by March 11, 2016.

#### Registration Form (Due March 4, 2016)

**Attendance Limited to 900**

Name(s) of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Farm Family Appreciation, Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County, Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Road, Suite 110, Leesport, PA 19533 9709

**Farm family (no charge; free will donation at the door)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 3-11)

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (2 and under)

**Farm family supporter (make check payable to Berks Co. Ext. Program Acct.)**

Adults @ \$16.00 each .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (ages 3-10) @\$9.00 each .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (2 and under) @ No charge

Additional donation .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# WHO ARE

## These People???

Each month we like to have a different picture from long ago. See if you can guess who some or all of the people in the picture are. The answers will be in next months "Life Together" Newsletter.

Answers from last months photo are: Left to Right, Front: Terry Leib, Marsha Fertig, Darlene Stank, Susie Peel, Karen Smith, Dale Reiner, Lewis Pennypacker. Back: William Mattern, Richard Hornung, Ronald Reichwein, Kay Marlow, Nancy Wolfgang, Cathy Welker, Ruby Artman, Leon Reichwein, Carol Fertig. St. Peter's Junior Choir.

**We are in need of more photographs. If you have any to share, please bring them into the church office for Erik to scan into the computer.**

If you have any old pictures from Christ's United or any of the chapels that formed Christ's United, please provide pictures to the church office to be included in future "Life Together" Newsletters. Also provide the names of those that are pictured. I am also looking for pictures of the exterior of the Chapels: St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Zions. Thank you!

## WELCOME *New Members*

With celebration we welcomed Diane Heidelbaugh, Jennifer McGrath and children, Tyler, Jonas & Libby, & Cathy Troutman into membership at Christ's United during worship on Sunday, 24 January. We are blessed by your presence, and rejoice in sharing ministry with you – Welcome Home!



*Remember....*

*That you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Such are the words of blessing offered on Ash Wednesday, as we remember our humanity and God's immortal love, shown to us in Jesus Christ. It is a time of somberness in recognition of the love so strong that death could not break its grasp on us, as Jesus carries us from death to life. Come and remember: Services will be held at Noon and 7:00 pm.



During Lent all are invited as in faith we gather each Wednesday night for a Soup Supper and Worship. The Social Ministry Team introduces the meal at 6:00 by sharing information on ministries around the world,

telling us how our actions are affecting the lives of others (for good!). We then gather as light breaks the darkness in Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm. This is a special time of faith, the gathering together deepening our understanding of God's actions of love in Jesus Christ. Please set aside time in your schedule to share in this special practice of Lent and bring a friend!

## **Collection of the Palms**

Once we waved them with shouts of triumph in celebration of our Lord and King. Many then took their palms home - placing them on pictures, mantles, or the sun visor of their cars - any where that would remind them of that day. The palms were a sign of celebration: but now they are a sign of our mortality. Please bring your palms to Christ's United and place them in the bin in the gathering area. The palms will be burned, and the ashes used to anoint our heads on Ash Wednesday.







## **2016 Sponsorships**

The 2016 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Sign up for: Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00, and Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

**We especially need sponsors for Newsletters!**

Payments for Altar flowers should be made to Jane Pennypacker. All other payments should be made out to the church and given to Erik Tice in the church office.

### **Starting Anew**

The new year is marked by promises to start anew, especially regarding eating habits and exercise. But what about faith? How can we start anew in faith by making a commitment to travel through this year *with* Jesus Christ, no longer just labeled a Christian but *living as* a Christian?

“Starting Anew” will explore faith in a new and challenging way, teaching us what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Join us Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m., February 2 & 9.



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**Mission Statement**

*We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.*

~~oops!~~

From a worship bulletin in Santa Clara, California:

~~meeting minutes~~

~~After the presentation, a lively debate ensured ...~~

~~The next topic was fundraising~~

Before publication, some lively proofing should *ensue*.



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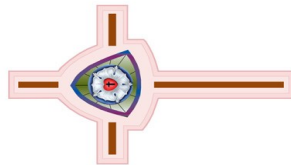
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